

The HUMBLE

ADDRESS

OF THE

LORDS Spiritual *and* Temporal

IN

PARLIAMENT

ASSEMBLED,

To His GRACE

JOHN DUKE of BEDFORD Lord
Lieutenant General, and General Governor of
IRELAND.

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Die Jovis, 13 Die Octobris, 1757.

IT is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, that the Address of this House presented this Day to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, and His Grace's Answer thereunto, shall be forthwith Printed and Published, and that the Clerk of this House do appoint the Printing of the said Address and Answer.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor.

BY Virtue of the foregoing Order, I do appoint *Oliver Nelson* to Print the said Address and Answer, and do forbid any other Person to Print the same.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor.

To His GRACE

JOHN DUKE of BEDFORD, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL, and GENERAL GOVERNOR of IRELAND,

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LORDS Spiritual *and* Temporal in PARLIAMENT Assembled.

May it please Your Grace,

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled return our most humble Thanks to Your Grace, for Your Speech delivered from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament, and we beg leave, at the same Time, to express our most sincere Joy upon Your Grace's Happy Arrival in this Kingdom.

THE Marks of paternal Affection, with which our Gracious Sovereign has been pleased to favour this Nation, have been many and various; but none of them have made a deeper Impression on our Minds, than His Appointment of Your Grace to the Government of this Kingdom, at a Time, when the Necessity of His Affairs seemed to require the Attendance of so Able and Faithful a Counsellor near His Sacred Person.

His Majesty's loyal Subjects of *Ireland* have long wished to see the Government of this Kingdom delegated to the Heir and Descendent of the great Person who paved the Way for the late Glorious Revolution, who laid the Foundation of our Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties, and cemented it with his Blood. Their wishes are now satisfied, and they admire in Your Grace the same Virtues, and great Qualities that distinguished and adorned Your illustrious Ancestor.

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THE great Employments in the State which Your Grace has filled with so much Honour to your self and with such Utility to the Publick, give us the strongest Assurance that Your Grace will discharge your present high Office with the same Honour and to the great Advantage of this Nation. And we promise ourselves, that under Your Administration the Dignity of Government and the Authority of Law will be Confirmed, Supported, and Established.

YOUR Grace has most kindly encouraged us to consider of such Laws as may conduce to the Welfare of this Kingdom, such Laws as may strengthen the Protestant Interest, and excite the Industry of Our People by promoting and extending the Staple Manufacture of this Country; Your Grace has shewn that You attend to all our Necessities and feel for our Wants by advising us to think of some Method of preventing the Return of such a Calamity as we lately suffered from a Scarceity of Corn, which Your Grace's Noble and generous Nature prompted You Early to soften and relieve. And we should think ourselves utterly unworthy of such a Governor, if we did not endeavour to imitate Your Example and to follow Your Advice. We shall therefore, relying upon Your Grace's kind and generous Assistance, proceed with chearfulness to frame and consider of such Laws, as may best answer the great Ends proposed, in full Confidence of obtaining all that becomes dutiful Subjects to ask from a gracious Sovereign.

To which Address, His Grace was pleased to give this Answer.

I Think myself extremely obliged to your Lordships for this kind Address, and shall endeavour to preserve your good Opinion by my Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and a constant Attention to promote the Interest of Ireland upon all occasions.

